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Title: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MICROORGANISMS IN A SUGAR-
CONTAINING, AQUEOUS PROCESS MEDIUMCERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

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RESPONSECommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Action mailed March 29, 2004, Applicants provide the following comments. The Examiner has requested restriction of examination between one of two groups. Group I comprises claims 1-14 and 22-32 apparently drawn to a procedure for controlling a content of microorganisms in an aqueous medium. Group II comprises claims 15-20 and 33-41 apparently drawn to a procedure for producing hops acid. Applicants respectfully elect Group I comprising claims 1-14 and 22-32 drawn to a procedure for controlling a content of microorganisms in an aqueous medium, with traverse. The basis for Applicants' traversal is that they do not necessarily wish to be bound to the Examiner's logic imposing the request for restriction of examination. Further, the Examiner has not stated reasons that examination of both Groups is unduly burdensome.

Respectfully submitted,

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